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TO: Chief, SCI and Captain Grant

19 December 1944

FROM: Lt. Michaelis

SUBJECT: Proposed mission of OSTRICH.

It is proposed to send this agent back through the enemy lines to obtain the following information:

1. Exact locations of as many more sabotage dumps as possible. We know that there are many more in France, but without definite information as to their whereabouts we cannot find them.
2. Names and addresses of stay-behind W/T operators in Paris or vicinity.
3. Any further information concerning German sabotage activity which he may be able to obtain.

It is the opinion of this officer, and he has the concurrence of both Lt. Bardet, the case officer, and Col. Rothschild, that the operation has an excellent chance of succeeding, for the following reasons:

1. We have confidence in him. We believe that he is convinced that the German cause is lost and that he will play with us if only to avoid a worse fate which may await him in Germany.
2. He is psychologically stable, and actually seems to look forward to his mission. He has enough of the gangster in him to make him relish such an adventure.
3. His mistress and baby daughter are in Allied occupied territory; we have seen both, know that he is fond of his daughter, and believe that her presence in France will add another inducement for his return.
4. He cached 400,000 francs with a friend near Faverois. The man is still there, and the territory is in our hands - another inducement to return. (Mosier - Sec memo 12 Jan)
5. He has been granted considerable liberty while in our hands here, and has shown no evidence of a desire to escape, something which would have been easily possible if he had really wanted to. His life has been pleasant and should give him an additional something to look forward to.
6. He has been extremely cooperative with us, and made all the contacts which we asked him to. He has even suggested others voluntarily which might not have occurred to us.
7. We believe that the enemy have confidence in him. Nothing that we have learned about him from any source has weakened this opinion; it has, on the other hand, strengthened our belief that the Germans consider him reliable, sure, and a valuable agent.